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Dear Sir:

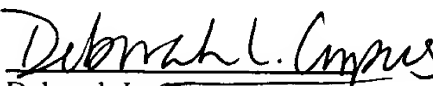
Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested prior to performing substantive examination of the above-identified divisional application, which is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(d).

Please cancel structure claims 1-2, 5, 7-15, 17-18, 38 and 39 without prejudice or disclaimer. Method claims 19-37, which were previously elected against due to a restriction requirement, are now pending and under consideration in the present divisional application.

If any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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